

Kinetic Energy Interceptor (KEI) (\$50,000,000). I would ban earmarks as we know them, but as long as these earmarks are available, I'm going to apply for them in an effort to pursue federal funding opportunities for my district. For defense projects in the current earmarking system, the individual projects I sponsor have the support of our military and further our national security. These projects are vetted by the professional staff on the House Armed Services and House Appropriations Committees during the appropriations process. I only request funds for projects authorized by law for federal funding and do not do so for private parties or entities. This project will provide development funding for a deployable, early engagement ballistic missile defense weapon system designed to take maximum advantage of its multi-sensor (including satellite data) fire control to enable the BMDS "defense in depth" layered architecture. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the KEI Weapon System enables threat destruction prior to deployment of multiple re-entry vehicles and countermeasures. Beneficiary: Missile Defense Agency/KV Building 5222, Martin Road Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898.